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Zastava at "Lopovo" (N 41-20, E 23-05)

1. During the summer of 1952, a new zastava was constructed approximately one kilometer south of the point where the roads from Samuilovo (N 41-22, E-23-05) and Kolarevo (N 41-22, E 23-06) meet on their way to the border, and about 100 meters east of the single road. It is located in a small level field and is a 1-story building, the sides of which are 35 and 15 meters in length. The building is painted white, its entrance is on the western side, and the roof is of black Marseille tile. The zastava is connected by telephone to the village of Samuilovo. It is occupied by approximately 60 troops under the command of a lieutenant. Personnel included two junior lieutenants, three senior sergeants, six junior sergeants, and the remainder, [redacted] enlisted men:

- a. Vulcan (lnu) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
- b. Nikovski (fnu) [redacted] 25X1
[redacted]

2. The border guards are armed with the following weapons:

- a. Soviet carbines (karabini), Model 1938;
b. PPS automatic pistols, Model 1943; and
c. Automatic pistols, Model 1941.

[redacted] every detail (naryav) had both carbines and automatic pistols. During 1952,

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in front of the old zastava. [redacted] a Maksim type Model 1910 light machine gun [redacted] was transferred to the new zastava.

3. The zastava has five or six shepherd dogs. The dogkeeper watches over and trains them for duty on the border. [redacted] this zastava has two ambush posts (sekretni) at a place known as "Portata" (N-41-19, E-23-05) near the point where the road leads to the border. The ambushes are located near two springs. One ambush post is approximately 500 meters and the other 50 meters from the border line. Both of them are about 900 meters apart. Approximately five men are assigned to these posts and reliefs take place at 10 p.m., 4 a.m. and 12 a.m. [redacted] these five men divide up into two groups to occupy the two ambush posts. The detail approaches the ambush along the road as it leads directly to the posts. The zastava is sent out and a mobile detail begins along the road by the zastava. In the forest, they turn southeast and arrive somewhere near the source of the Kolarevo river, west of Galabak Peek. A detail is made up of two persons and is changed at the hours indicated above for the ambush reliefs. One of the men is armed with a rifle (karabin M 1938) and the other with an automatic. [redacted]

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4. From 1948 to 1952 the zastava was located in a 1-story 30 x 10 meter building constructed of unplastered brick. The roof is of black Marseille tile, and the zastava is located approximately 30 meters west of the junction of the Samuilovo and Kolarevo roads. At present the building is not being used since the zastava moved its quarters to the new building. No additional information is known.

Zastava at Klyuch (N 41-22, E 23-01)

5. Since 1948 there has been a border guard zastava located at the southwest end of the village of Klyuch. It is located in a 1-story building especially constructed for this purpose. The building, approximately 25 x 10 meters, is painted white and has a black Marseille tile roof. During the summer of 1952, kennels and four shepherd dogs in the courtyard of the zastava. The zastava is composed of approximately 40 soldiers commanded by three officers. [redacted]
6. [redacted]
- time building material had been hauled in military trucks to an unknown place in the mountains north of Klyuch.
7. During May 1953 the border guards recruited builders and workers to construct the new zastava, and part of those working [redacted] on the above-mentioned canal had recently finished work on the zastava. [redacted]

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Zastava at Gabrene (N 41-22, E 22-59)

8. [redacted] Gabrene [redacted] in the western part of the village a 1-story building approximately 35 x 10 meters in which a Border Guard zastava was located. The zastava has been located in the village since a time prior to 1944.

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Zastava at Kolarevo¹

9. Since 1948 there has been a Border Guard zastava, name and number unknown, in the village of Kolarevo. It is located in a 1-story building especially constructed for this purpose, which is unplastered on the inside. It is approximately 25 x 15 meters in size, and has a telephone. The building has a large court where the stables are located. There are approximately 50 enlisted men and five officers attached to the zastava. The Border Guards travel in pairs,

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and patrol regularly and daily the fields around Samuilovo, Kolarovo, and Eleshnitsa, and (at times) the villages as well. [redacted]

[redacted] The zastava has 15 horses which the Border Guards use for riding lessons. Some of the horses are used in patrolling the fields. There are also two 2-horse carriages, as well as four shepherd dogs which [redacted] were trained for Border Guard service. [redacted] command personnel [redacted]

a. The zastava commander, Lieutenant Kolev (fnu), [redacted]

ma [redacted]

b. Lieutenant Khubenov (fnu), probably the political commander of the zastava, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

c. Junior Lieutenant Mitev (fnu) [redacted]

1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] called [redacted] zastava because everyone in the village knew it as such.

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